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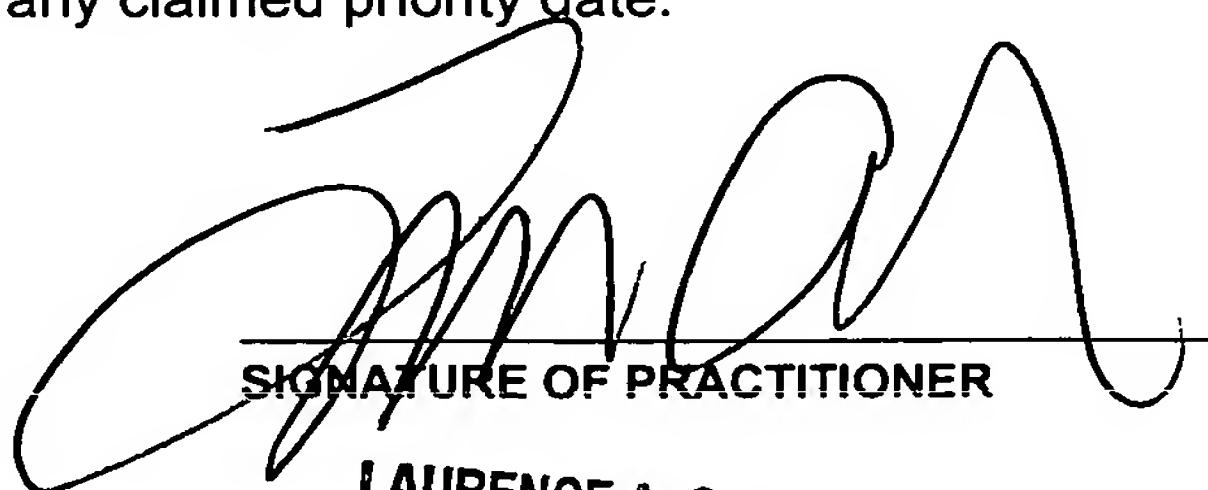
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14. [X] Additional documents:

- a. [ ] Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
  - b. [X] International Publication No. WO 2004/036972 A1
    - i. [X] Specification, claims and drawing
    - ii. [ ] Front page only
  - c. [X] Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
  - d. [X] Certified translation of international application PCT/DE03/02991,  
published as WO 2004/036972
  - e. [X] Certified translation of amended specification and claims of  
international application PCT/DE03/02991, as attached to the  
Preliminary International Examination Report dated July 30, 2004;
  - f. [X] Search Report issued by the German Patent and Trademark Office  
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15. [X] The above checked items are being transmitted

- a. [X] before 30 months from any claimed priority date.
- b. [ ] after 30 months.



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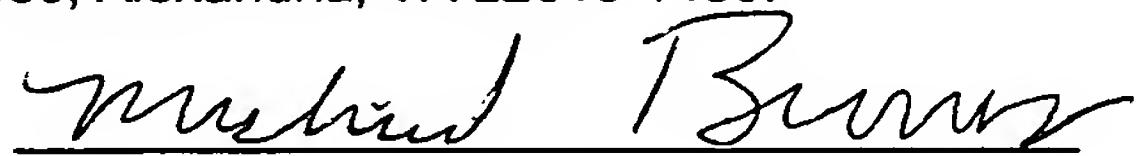
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CHAPTER II

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)**  
**(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)**

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE2003/002991

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
September 9, 2003

PRIORITY DATE  
October 14, 2002

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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR MOUNTING A SWITCHING MODULE, SWITCHING MODULE AND PRESSURE STRIP

APPLICANT

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ATTENTION: EO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. 371:
  - a. [X] This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
  - b. [X] The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

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## 2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
[ ]*	TOTAL CLAIMS	18		x \$ 50.00	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1		x \$ 200.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00		\$ 0.00
The following fees are submitted**	(a) Basic national fee		\$300.00		\$ 300.00
	(b) Examination fee		\$200.00		\$ 200.00
	(c) Search fee		\$500.00		\$ 500.00
	Total of Above Calculations			= \$ 1,000.00	
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed. (note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)			- \$ 0.00	
			Subtotal	\$ 1,000.00	
			Total National Fee	\$ 1,000.00	
	Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f))			\$ 0.00	
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (See Item 13 below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".			\$ 0.00	
TOTAL			Total Fees enclosed	\$1,000.00	

\*See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

- i.  Payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
  - ii.  Please charge Account No. 12-1099 for any fees which might be due while this application is pending.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3.  A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
- a.  is transmitted herewith.
  - b.  is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
  - c.  has been transmitted
    - i.  by the International Bureau.  
Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308): \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date
4.  A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
- a.  is transmitted herewith.
  - b.  is not required as the application was filed in English.
  - c.  was previously transmitted by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d.  will follow.
5.  Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
- a.  are transmitted herewith.
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    - ii.  by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date
  - c.  have not been transmitted as
    - i.  applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.  
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    - ii.  the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.
6.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
- a.  is transmitted herewith.
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  - c.  has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.

7.  A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)  
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8.  Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report  
a.  is/are transmitted herewith.  
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9.  A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report  
a.  is transmitted herewith.  
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10.  An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. 115  
a.  was previously submitted by applicant on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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b.  is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration  
i.  is attached to the application.  
ii.  identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.70.  
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**Other document(s) or information included:**

11.  An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a):

  - a.  is transmitted herewith.
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  - c.  is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
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12.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98:

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Also transmitted herewith is/are:  
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